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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable DAN COATS, a Senator from the State of Indiana.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Richard C. Halverson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray:

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.—Proverbs 3:5, 6.

Mighty God who knoweth all things, Thou knowest the future of the 104th Congress in microscopic detail. Infuse the minds and hearts of the Senators with the reality that You have a perfect plan for the days that lie ahead. Help them to take this seriously, that they may walk and work in the light of God's direction. Grant them grace to follow the wisdom of Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, that they may trust in the Lord with all their heart, that they may acknowledge Him in all their ways, and be guided through the milieu of legislation with all its difficulties, its pressures, its conflicts. Give them the confidence in God which guided our Founding Fathers through all the complications of revolution and the establishment of a new nation.

Thy will be done in this place as it is in Heaven.

In the name of Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, January 5, 1995.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN COATS, a Senator from the State of Indiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

STROM THURMOND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. COATS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the time until 10:15 a.m. is reserved for the two leaders.

Mr. COCHRAN addressed the Chair.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Mississippi is recognized.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, for the information of Senators, after the leader time, which will expire at 10:15 this morning, the Senate will resume consideration of Senate Resolution 14, the committee ratio resolution.

There is pending the Harkin amendment to the cloture rule on that resolution. Under a previous unanimous-consent agreement, the time for debate on the Harkin amendment is divided as follows: 30 minutes under the control of Senator BYRD; 45 minutes under the control of Senator HARKIN.

Following the debate time at 11:30 this morning, the majority leader or his designee will make a motion to table the Harkin amendment.

Therefore, all Senators should be aware that there will be a 15-minute rollcall vote at 11:30 this morning on the motion to table the Harkin amendment.

If the Harkin amendment is tabled, the Senate will immediately adopt the underlying resolution and begin consideration of S. 2, the congressional coverage bill. Senators should also be on notice that amendments are possible to S. 2. Therefore, additional rollcall votes are possible throughout the day.

Also, it is the intention of the leadership to try to complete action on S. 2 this week.

MAKING MAJORITY PARTY APPOINTMENTS TO THE GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk which has been cleared by both sides.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will state the resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 26) making majority party appointments to the Governmental Affairs Committee for the 104th Congress.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, I know of no controversy surrounding the resolution.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the resolution is agreed to.

The resolution (S. Res. 26) was agreed to as follows:

Resolved, That the following shall constitute the majority party's membership on the following standing committee for the 104th Congress, or until their successors are chosen:

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Mr. Roth, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Grassley, Mr. McCain, and Mr. Smith.

Mr. COCHRAN. Mr. President, for clarification and explanation to the Senate, the resolution will permit the Governmental Affairs Committee, which is conducting a hearing this morning on the unfunded mandates legislation to proceed with that hearing while the Senate is in session. We hope that hearing will enable us to bring that legislation to the floor as soon as possible after the disposition of the congressional coverage bill, which we discussed earlier in the announcement.

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



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